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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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INFO CMDR JCRC SAMAE SAN THAILAND

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SUBJECT: PW/MIAS -- ROD NORBERG

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1. NORBERG ARRIVED IN VIENTIANE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO ON THE EVE OF OUR RECENT CRISIS. HIS STATED INTENT WAS TO PURSUE HIS SOURCES OF INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE POW/MIA SITUATION. HE HAD LETTERS AUTHORIZING HIM TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THREE NOK. THE VALIDITY OF THESE LETTERS WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED TELEPHONICALLY BY JCRC WITH RESPECTIVE NOK. ACCORDINGLY, WE ASSISTED NORBERG IN CORROBORATING INFORMATION HE ALREADY HAD ON THE THREE MIAS NAMED IN THE LETTERS.

2. NORBERG HAS DISCLOSED TO EMBASSY SA/MIA OFFICER THE SPECIFICS REGARDING HIS ORIGINAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION. HE INDICATED THAT HIS PRINCIPAL SOURCES APPEARED VERY CREDIBLE DURING HIS PREVIOUS VISIT HERE, BUT NOW
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APPEAR TO DESERVE LITTLE CREDENCE. HE STILL CLAIMS, HOW-

EVER, TO HAVE SEVERAL POTENTIALLY VALUABLE SOURCES TO
"CHECK OUT". DRAWING ON HIS PHOTO-JOURNALIST BACKGROUND,
HE HAS ALSO EXPANDED HIS ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE SUCH
THINGS AS INTERVIEWING STUDENT/DEMONSTRATOR LEADERS
ABOUT PROSPECTS OF FUTURE U.S. ECONOMIC AID FOR LAOS.

3. NORBERG HAS REQUESTED A JCRC BRIEFING AND TOUR OF
JCRC FACILITIES. THIS REQUEST HAS BEEN APPROVED BY CMDR,
JCRC; HOWEVER, NORBERG IS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES IN
ARRANGING TRANSPORTATION TO SAMAE SAN. CONSEQUENTLY HE
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